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TOPIC Military Activity in Vienna X 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

1. On 9 May 1955, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with two four-barreled AA machine guns on the drill ground south of the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. The training included emplacing, readiness for action and change of barrels. The weapon was mounted on a carriage with four pneumatic rubber tires and was canvas-covered in traveling position. For firing position, the carriage was leveled and supported by two traversable outriggers on either side. The machine gun was mounted on a revolving platform which was fitted with a gunner's seat and the elevating and traversing mechanism operated by hand cranks. The loader was standing on the platform to the left. A third soldier who stood beside the platform had to change the barrels.¹ 25X1
2. On 14 May, officers observed at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna included two lieutenant colonels and three majors with black-bordered red epaulets, and four majors who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the installation. Officers and Soviet civilians were observed at 35 Gussriegl Strasse. Soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets practiced with light machine guns and a 57-mm AT gun on the drill ground south of the Trost Kaserne. Truck driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets and truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets were seen on the drill ground. Four T-34/85 stood in the yard of the repair shop at 109 through 111 Trost Strasse. Truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered the installation. A sergeant and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the garage near the water tower at 3 Windten Strasse and marched toward the drill ground south of the Trost Kaserne. The soldiers carried books and copybooks. Truck driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets left the garage Strasse. Vehicles with dropped tail boards were seen in 25X1

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Eighteen trucks [redacted]
and van-like trucks [redacted] were parked near
the garage at 83 Pernerstorfer Gasse. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the weapon was
a 14.5-mm SPU-4 which probably belonged to the 44th Gds Mecz Regt
of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Although no movements from the Trost Kaserne have
been observed, no clear information of a transfer to the summer
camp can be obtained since at least one battalion remains in Vienna
for duty during the summer. [redacted]

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